

Today's
Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL
CITY HALL
POLLARD'S
LILLIPUTIAN OPERA COMPANY

Under the distinguished patronage of
H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G.,
and
H.E. Major-General WILSON, BLACK, C.B.,
TO-NIGHT (WEDNESDAY) TO-NIGHT
5th May, 1897.

LA MASCOTTE
and THURSDAY, To-morrow, May 6th.
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,
May, 7th and 8th.

LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, May 8th,
GRAND MATINEE
(FOR CHILDREN)
CHILDREN'S COMIC OPERA
"CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME"
Children half price to all parts of the Theatre.
Doors open 3 P.M. Overstage 4 P.M.
Plan at W. ROBINSON & Co.'s Piano and
Music Rooms.

Prices—\$3, \$2 and \$1.
SOLDIERS and SAILORS in Uniform Half-price
to back seats only.
Late Trains 15 minutes after each performance.
A. H. POLLARD,
Advance Representative,
Hongkong Hotel.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [749]

ST. ANDREW'S HALL
(CITY HALL)
TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY)!!
"THE CINEMA TOGRAPH"
(THE GREATEST MARVEL OF THE AGE)
Will be exhibited, under the personal supervision
of Professor MAURICE CHARVET, at the
following hours:—
11 A.M. 2.30 P.M. 5.30 P.M.
9 P.M. and 10.15 P.M.

ADMISSION \$1.00 CHILDREN HALF-PRICE.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [750]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.
FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship
"BENMOHR,"
Captain L. Bontiller, is due here on 3rd May,
and will be despatched as above on or about the
5th May.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [597]

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamship
"LOONGMOON,"
Captain F. W. Schulz, will be despatched for
the above Port on TO-MORROW, the 6th inst.,
at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [735]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
YOKOHAMA, KORE AND NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)
THE Company's Steamship
"HOENZOLLERN,"
Captain H. Hecker, will leave for the above Ports
TO-MORROW, the 6th inst., at noon.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [686]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
THE Company's Steamship
"PRINZ HEINRICH,"
Captain O. Cuperus, will leave for the above
place on FRIDAY, the 7th inst., at noon.

The steamer will start after docking direct
from the No. 1 dock at Kowloon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [686]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY & TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the
above Ports on FRIDAY, the 7th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [751]

FOR NEW YORK.
THE 100 A.T. British-Ship
"CLAN MACKENZIE,"
Captain Idles, shortly expected from Shanghai
will load here for the above Port, and will have
quick despatch.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [748]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY.
(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN
GOVERNMENT.)
STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KURACHCHIE, ADEN, SUEZ,
MASSAWAH, PORT SAID, BRINDISI,
VENICE, FLORENCE AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA,
MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK
SEA, LEBANON, AFRICAN PORTS, also to
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)
THE Company's Steamship
"GISELA,"
Captain Brelich, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 11th inst.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3
P.M. prior to date of sailing.
For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th April, 1897. [753]

Today's
Advertisements.

NOTICE

OWING to similarity of names the Bank-
ruptcy of MAHOMED ALI SHIRAZEE, Merchant and Commission Agent, has
been misunderstood, it relating to the Under-
signed, who takes this opportunity of publicly
disavowing any connection with the aforesaid
Merchant living at WINDHAM STREET.
H. A. SHIRAZEE,
Exchange and General Broker.
Hongkong, 5th May, 1897. [752]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"PRINZ HEINRICH."
The above named steamer having arrived,
Consignees of cargo are hereby informed
that their goods, with exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and
stored at their risk into the Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Optional cargo will go on to Shanghai unless
notice to the contrary be given before this
afternoon at 4 P.M.
No claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after 12th instant, will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant,
at 2 P.M.
All claims must reach us before the 16th
instant, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [686]

TO ALL LOYAL SUBJECTS
OF
HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY VIC-
TORIA-QUEEN EMPRESS

Of whatever Race, Kindred or Tongue Mr.
H. RUTTIMORE of 11, D'Agallier Street sends
Greeting and has the honour to announce the
Publication by Messrs RAPHAEL TUCK & SONS,
of a Series of specially designed AUTOGRAPH
CARDS OF CONGRATULATION arranged to
be sent from every Household in the Empire to
Her Most Gracious Majesty on the memorable
attainment of Her "Diamond Jubilee."
All the Designs are Folders and appropriate
in Subject, Sentiment and Wording to this
eventful Epoch in the Victorian Era, while the
Individuality of each Card is retained by the
Autograph Signature and address which is to be
written by each Sender.
Hongkong, 4th May, 1897. [754]

PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE undersigned has received instructions
from H. M. NAVAL STORE KEEPER
to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
on
WEDNESDAY, the 12th May, 1897, at noon,
at H.M. Naval Yard,
Sundry Naval and Vicarious Condemned
Stores, Comprising—
OLD IRON, PAPER STUFF,
OLD IRON BOILER TUBES,
RAGS, CANVAS, ELECTRO,
PLATE, CLOTHING, IMPLEMENTS, &c.
TERMS OF SALE AS CUSTOMARY.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong 5th May 1897. [755]

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK &
COMPANY,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYVADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are
made under the constant supervision of a duly
qualified English Chemist and will bear com-
parison with the best English Manufactures.
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSES and
other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the
Manager.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [379a]

Auction.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
THE Undersigned has received instructions
to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, the 8th May, 1897,
at his Sales Rooms, Zealand Street, No. 2,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
A LARGE QUANTITY OF
VALUABLE AND USEFUL HOUSEHOLD
FURNITURE
(Removed from Queen's Garden, Cause Road,
&c. for convenience).
Consisting of—
HANDSOME BLACKWOOD CARVED
SIDEBOARD, BLACKWOOD DINING
WAGGONS, SOLID BLACKWOOD DINING
TABLE, BLACKWOOD ROUND & SQUARE
TABLES, SIDEBOARDS with and without
GLASS, OAK DINING ROOM CHAIRS,
MARBLE TOP WASHING STANDS, TEAK
CARVED ORNAMENTS, ICE-CHESTS,
BRASS AND IRON DOUBLE BEDSTEADS,
SCREENS, RATTAN FURNITURE, WARD-
ROBES, MIRRORS, HANDSOME ENGRA-
VED CARPETS, ORNAMENTS, CUR-
TAINS, LAMPS, STATUETTES, PLATED
WARE, DINNER and FRUIT SERVICES,
GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, BATHROOM
REQUISITES, &c.
On View on THURSDAY, the 6th instant.
Catalogues issued prior to Sale.
TERMS OF SALE—As customary.
PAUL BREWITT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [744]

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.
CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS
OF
AERATED
WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with
the best English Machinery, embodying the
latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the
utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the
Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated
Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and
placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and
the full amount allowed for Packages and
Emplies when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on applica-
tion.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is
"DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."
And all signed messages addressed thus will
receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept
ready in Stock—
PURE AERATED WATER,
SODA WATER,
LEMONADE,
POTASH WATER,
SELTZER WATER,
LITHIA WATER,
SARSAPARILLA WATER,
TONIC WATER,
GINGER ALE,
GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or
greasy, or that appear to have been used for
any purpose than that of containing Aerated
Waters, as such Bottles are never used again
by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong, 13th April, 1897. [6]

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1897.

THE CHAMBER'S MEETING.
It affords us pleasure to be able to join
with those who are of opinion that the
annual meeting of the Hongkong General
Chamber of Commerce held last Wednes-
day was the most noteworthy gathering
of the kind held in the Chamber's Rooms
for many a long year. We congratulate
the Chamber on the important work it
accomplished during the past year and
we also congratulate the members on hav-
ing as members of the Committee such
shrewd, zealous, able and energetic
business men as were able to give such
an excellent account of their stewardship
as is contained in the Report submitted at
the annual meeting. It is a record of
work undertaken and carried to a success-
ful issue in a manner that is simply beyond
praise. It contains evidence that momen-
tous and complicated questions affecting
the interests of all who have important
commercial interests at stake in the Far
East were dealt with promptly and
efficiently and that not only have their
efforts to get the West River thrown open
to international trade been crowned with
success but they have, through their
indefatigable representative in the Legis-
lative Council, been able to obtain from
the Imperial Government a decision on a
question vitally affecting the welfare of this
Colony which is practically a guarantee
that the freedom of the port of Hongkong
shall never be impaired, the Secretary
of State having refused to allow the
local Government to tax our shipping
trade for the purposes of general
revenue; and it is, as the Hon. T. H.
WHITHEAD pointed out in his speech, very
important that Mr. CHAMBERLAIN's words
on this subject, as embodied in a recent
despatch, should not be lost sight of,
namely, "That moderate dues may properly
be levied in Hongkong provided the
proceeds do not in ordinary times exceed
the total expenditure of the Harbour
Department, including Lighthouses, Water
Police, &c." Against the imposition of
necessary and moderate dues, no one
would ever have protested. It was against
the levying of wholly unnecessary, exorbi-
tant, and unfair dues that the shipping
firms agitated, because it was felt that
the manning of the colony's progress and
prosperity was being interfered with and
that nothing but irreparable mischief
could result from such ill-advised action.
Moreover it was well known that the
Colony is not on the verge of bankruptcy,
that it supports a number of highly paid
and superfluous officials, and that there
was neither rhyme nor reason in the local
Government's efforts to make the Gap
Rock Light Dues a permanent charge on
the shipping visiting this port.

Next in importance to the question of
Light Dues—which has been so satisfac-
torily settled—and the opening of the West
River is that old "standing dish" that
never falls us—the sanitation, or rather
insanitation, of the colony generally. Mr.
WHITHEAD complains of the inaction of
the Government in the matter of not confer-
ring on the emancipated Sanitary Board
power to "enable it to compel land-
lords to do what is essential and
necessary"; he asserts that there are
a large number of insanitary dwellings
"quite unfit for human habitation" in the
Colony, and he fears—and we think there
is good reason for the apprehension—that
the lesson of the painful experience of
1894 has been only imperfectly learned.
Mr. WHITHEAD is, if we mistake not, a
member of the Insanitary Dwellings
Commission appointed some months ago
and he has, therefore, no doubt had many
opportunities of ascertaining the facts
concerning the condition of house property
in the slums. There is, no doubt, a good
deal of insanitary property in existence
here. Many underground dens in Wel-
lington Street, for instance, have been
re-occupied although closed in 1895 and
pronounced by the Sanitary Board as
unfit for human habitation, and the slums
generally are in a discreditable condition.
The most casual observer passing
through the "lower regions" of
Hongkong cannot fail to assume that the
lesson of our bitter experiences in 1894
has been imperfectly learned and he
would wonder why a Government
that can force us to pay an enormous Mil-
litary Contribution fails to cause the rate-
payers to keep their property in a proper
sanitary condition, no matter what the
cost. It is possible too, that the casual
observer would be tempted to ask, "Why
does Government allow such property to
be in existence; why not do as was done in
respect of the insanitary dwellings in Tal-
pingshan—buy up all 'foul' hovels and
destroy them?" The most suitable answer
would be to the effect that Government is
considering the matter. That would be a
perfectly true answer and it would be as
true as it is disgraceful. There should in
this year of grace be no cause for com-
plaints about insanitary dwellings, and
we feel sure that if we had a "real live"
and popularly constituted Sanitary Board,
invested with proper powers to carry
out great sanitary reforms, instead of the
emasculated remnant of such a body, there
would now be very few dwellings
in the Colony unfit for human habi-
tation. It seems almost incredible that after
the sad experience of the past three years
such a scandalous state of affairs should
now be tolerated. We are now on the
verge of the hot season and it is therefore
to be earnestly hoped Government will do
whatever may be advisable promptly and
thoroughly to render the slums less
dangerous to the public health than
they are at present. It is regrettable
that there should at the present time
be any cause for complaints such as Mr.
WHITHEAD made last week. Surely all
who have important interests here must
admit that any sanitary reform necessary
to render the port clean and healthy should
be effected forthwith regardless of the cost.
It is well known that the plague bacillus
thrives only in the most disgusting filth.
It is obvious therefore that no effort should
be spared to make Hongkong not only as
clean as most colonial cities but a good
deal cleaner. Let us remember 1894, and
also remember Bombay!

There were matters mentioned by the
Chairman in his interesting speech which
cannot be dealt with satisfactorily in a
brief review of the meeting and we
therefore hold them over, contain-
ing ourselves for the present with the
assurance that we very heartily concur
in all that Mr. HERRARD SMITH said,
especially in regard to the proposed Im-
perial Postal Mulet and the desirability
of our Consuls insisting on the native au-
thorities in the two Kwangs giving full effect
to the orders of the Central Government
as set out in the proclamations bearing
upon the question of trade under transit
passes. It is high time the vexatious
obstruction of native officials was caused
to cease for ever, and we are glad to think
that with Sir CLAUDE MACDONALD in
Peking and an energetic and zealous
official like Mr. FRASER as Consul at
Wuchow-fu there is reason for the hope
that foreign trade with South China will
expand considerably in the near future.
If the Transit Pass regulations are strictly
adhered to there is a bright future before
the pioneers of foreign trade with South
China. If the regulations and proclama-
tions are ignored with impunity then the
last state of our trade with the two
Kwangs will be worse, far worse, than the
first.

REUTER'S MESSAGES.
THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE.
LONDON, May 3rd.
The conference on the Greco-Turkish war
proposed by Lord Salisbury has been abandoned.

THE DEFEAT OF THE GREEKS.
The retreat of the Greeks from Penepagadia
to Arta was like that from Larissa, the result of
deplorable leadership and unreasoning panic in
which morals and discipline vanished. Out of
22,000 troops engaged, only 1,000 were under
fire. Throughout the war the losses on both
sides have been remarkably small.

CRETE AND GREECE.
The Cretans refuse autonomy and demand
annexation to Greece.
(From Le Courrier de Salonique.)
THE CRISIS IN EUROPE.
PARIS, April 29th.

The Powers are exchanging views on the
subject of mediation between Turkey and Greece,
with a sincere desire to terminate the war.
The public in Athens are very excited, and
public opinion is bent against the Cabinet and
even against the King.

In accordance with the proposals of Ralli,
the leader of the Opposition, several changes have
been made on the military and naval staffs.
Gralvise Osman has been appointed General-
issimo of the Turkish army.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Sanitary Board meets to-morrow at 4.15
p.m.
A MANSION in Piccadilly has been let for the
jubilee week for £5,000 sterling.

MATINEE by the Lilliputians, Saturday, 3
p.m. "Charity Begins at Home" is the
programme.

At the Magistrate's today A. O. Gutierrez was
fined \$10 for keeping a ferocious dog and he had
also to pay \$1 as compensation to a Chinese
boy, whom the dog had bitten.

The prices obtained at last month's Calcutta
opium sales were Rs. 1,056 for Patna and Rs. 1,066
for Benares. The respective prices for the pre-
ceding month were Rs. 1,031 and Rs. 1,023.

RULES are notified in the Ceylon Gazette relative
to the protection of elephants in the island and
to prevent their constant molestation by trappers,
as also to secure the rest and sanctuary neces-
sary for their reproduction.

In their Weekly Share List issued at 5 p.m.
to-day Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts
state:—Much firmer feeling has prevailed in the
market during the past week, and in consequence
a general advance in rates has taken place.

If you are in doubt about the pronunciation
or spelling of a word look it up in Webster's
Dictionary. It is a standard work and is offered
for sale at the Hongkong Telegraph office at a
price that places it within reach of every-
body. *Vide* advt.

A TOKIO Press despatch of 23rd April states:—
The outbreak of bubonic plague at Taiwan is
spreading very rapidly. Twenty-three fresh
cases were reported on the 22nd and 23rd. This
has brought the total number of cases up to 188
since the outbreak was reported.

Mr. HARRY FURNISS, the well-known caricature
artist, who was for many years connected with
London Punch, but severed his connection
with that journal some time ago, has now
undertaken a lecturing tour in the colonies and
is at present in Hongkong.

THE *St. James Budget* recently published a
statement alleging that Miss Marion Terry, the
well-known actress, was about to marry her
brother-in-law. Miss Terry brought an action
for libel against the paper, and on the 6th ultimo
was awarded £500 damages.

THE General Managers inform us that they
have received the following telegram from the
Olivier Freehold Mines:—"The Olivier Mines
150 tons 138 ounces; mill starts again on the
10th of May; the developments of the mine fully
justify the expectations which have been
formed."

A FURTHER supply of Dr. Verste's serum was
expected in Bombay about the middle of April.
The quantity was expected to be over a
thousand tubes, and a regular supply of the
serum for Bombay has been arranged for.
According to latest accounts, Dr. Verste was to
leave Bombay on the arrival of a competent
substitute.

It was a somewhat severe ethical maxim that
Mr. J. G. Hamilton propounded the other day
at the meeting of the South Mysore Planters'
Association, says the *Times of India*. Speak-
ing on coffee stealing he said: "We may, I
am afraid, take it for granted that no uneducated
native is honest except from policy, and then
generally only temporarily."

In a public office not a hundred miles from Cal-
cutta in which nine hundred clerks are employed,
no fewer than six hundred and seventy applied
for casual leave during March. As each appli-
cation was for a few days, the granting of leave
to all would have meant the loss of service of
some fifty clerks on full pay for the whole month.
From such a state of things one might be led to
suppose that the plague had reached Calcutta
and that the people were panic stricken.

SPARKING of the wreck of the *Warren Hastings*
the *Times of India* says:—"By a remark-
able coincidence, one of the detachments on the
Warren Hastings consisted of men from a
regiment which was largely represented in the
troops who stood unflinchingly shoulder to
shoulder on the deck of the *Birkenhead* when
that vessel sank. As the men were falling in
on the *Warren Hastings* the word was passed
from lip to lip, 'Remember the *Birkenhead*.'"
The recollection of the splendid example set by
their predecessors stimulated them to face their
peril calmly, and the fact should not be forgotten.

MESSRS. H. M. SCHULTZ & Co., Shanghai, who
were the last charterers of the American four-
masted schooner *Alida*, have, according to *China*
Gazette, received a letter from San Francisco
intimating the loss of the *Alida* with all hands.
The *Alida* is a well-known vessel in Shanghai,
having been engaged in carrying lumber from
Puget Sound to that port for quite a number of
years. Captain Anderson, who was in charge
of her, is highly spoken of as being an able and
experienced skipper. The *Alida* was a vessel of
435 tons, and owned by Messrs. Pope and Talbot,
San Francisco. She left Shanghai on the 2nd
December last bound for Puget Sound, in ballast,
and she was to return to Shanghai again with
lumber.

The Lilliputian Opera Company had another
large audience at the Theatre Royal last evening,
when the youthful artists again won golden
opinions for their clever performance of
"Dorothy." The various songs and dances
were all most enthusiastically applauded, and
the small folk entered into the humor of the
opera with a spirit that was simply irresistible.

Master Goulding again proving a host in
himself, To-night a change of programme
takes place, "La Mascotte" being selected for
representation. The critiques in the Calcutta
press describe "La Mascotte" as being one of
the Lilliputian's happiest efforts, and it certainly
is a work that affords these talented young
people full scope for their powers.

MR. JOHN STRATFORD DUDDALE, Q.C., Recor-
der of Birmingham, has been appointed to
succeed Sir Arthur Charles as one of the
Justices of the Queen's Bench Division.

W. SEINTZ, the chess player, who was recent-
ly defeated by Tasker, and who was reported to
have died at St. Petersburg on the 11th ultimo
completed 22 simultaneous games at Vienna, of
which he won seventeen.—Not bad for a
corpse!

The Band of the West York Regiment will play
the following programme at the Lawn Tennis
Championship at 4 p.m. to-morrow:—
March.....Disband Jubilee.....Orel Hume
Overture.....Naxos.....Auber
Three Pieces.....Henry VIII.....Garnier
Waltz.....Wien-Kinder.....Strauss
Song.....Queen of my Heart (Dorothy).....Gallier
Selection.....The Mikado.....Sullivan

As we announced was probable a few days ago,
H.M.S. *Tweed* has been despatched to survey
the West River in place of H.M.S. *Rattler*, as
the latter vessel had too great a draught. The
Tweed is in command of Commander the Hon.
G. A. Harding, of H.M.S. *Rattler*, and her
crew is also drawn from the latter vessel. Mr.
Fraser, British Consul at Canton, is on board
the surveying vessel, which is to go as far as
Wuchowfu.

We understand that in addition to the six
new shops, now nearly completed, which the
Godown Company are erecting in Robinson
Road, Kowloon, another block of six is to be
built adjoining them and extending as far as
the Kowloon Hotel. This rising suburb appears
to be going ahead rapidly now, the new houses
situated to the east of Kowloon Terrace having
been all let before completion. We shall
probably soon see the settlement extending
northwards towards Yan-mat and Chinese
Kowloon.

At the meeting of the Central Stores, Ltd., at
Shanghai, on the 29th ultimo, at which Mr. J.
H. P. Parker presided, there were 70 directors
and shareholders present, and a stormy discus-
sion ensued, the shareholders demanding to
have a clear and detailed statement of accounts.
Finally, on the motion of Capt. E. W. Tisdall,
seconded by Mr. Fyffe, the following resolution
was carried by an overwhelming majority:—

"That the report and accounts as now presented
to the shareholders be not adopted and passed,
until a committee of two or three shareholders
be appointed with power to take to their
assistance experts (if necessary) to investigate the
books, stock, and inventory of the Company."

The meeting was then adjourned, the motion by
the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Soper (Director),
to dismiss Mr. W. W. Clifford from his position
as Managing Director being put to the meeting,
but the vote thereon was postponed till the
Committee's report is received.—*China Gazette*.

Mr. W. F. Weynon, writing from Hongkong on
the 23rd April to the *N. C. Daily News*, states
that "the articles which appeared in the *China*
Gazette last June, professing to give an account
of my journey through Hunan, and which con-
tained very gross misstatements, with which my
name has most unfortunately been associated,
were written and published without either my
knowledge or approval by a person quite
unknown to me." On the 29th ultimo the
editor of the *Daily News* published the follow-
ing in reply to a letter from the editor of the
China Gazette:—"Mr. Henry O'Shea writes us
a letter from the *China Gazette* office in which
he explains that Mr. Weynon, whose letter
appeared in our columns yesterday morning, is
entirely mistaken. The articles in question, he
says, never mentioned Mr. Weynon, but gave
an account of the travels of Mr. Cowen, the
London *Times* correspondent, through Hunan.
Mr. Cowen himself wrote the columns of
introduction to the articles, which were dictated
to one of the *China Gazette*'s reporters, and
moreover, Mr. Cowen read the proofs. We, of
course, know nothing about the matter ourselves,
and merely published Mr. Weynon's letter over
his name at his request, and we had no inten-
tion whatever of publishing 'a serious reflection
upon a contemporary without any just cause.'"

In the House of Commons on 5th April the
second reading of the *Criminal Law Amend-
ment Bill* was carried. The measure entitles
prisoners to give evidence in their own behalf,
and allows a wife or a husband to be called to
give compulsory evidence against either party in
a criminal case. The provisions of the bill will
apply to England and Scotland. Mr. A. R.
Lloyd, Q.C., M.P. for Abingdon, Sir G. O.
Morgan, Q.C., M.P. for East Denbigh, and Mr.
E. Carson, Q.C., M.P. for Dublin University,
opposed the bill. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C.,
M.P. for Plymouth, who supported the bill, said
that it would be the means of removing the
last remaining relic of barbarism.

THE Admiralty have lost no time in given effect
to the improved system of training the men of
the Royal Naval Reserve. Their lordships
have (says the *Globe*) made arrangements to
train 500 men at once, and are offering special
inducements to men to volunteer for this service.
It is now recognized at Whitehall that if a really
efficient Reserve is to be maintained, the men
must have a practical acquaintance with service
in modern warships and be familiarized with the
use of the latest weapons. Special inducements
are offered under the new scheme to young men
of the fishing and yachting community. Pro-
motion to the first class, with a prospective
pension at the age of 60, has been rendered
difficult in their case hitherto, owing to the un-
certain nature of their employment. Under the
new conditions, however, any man between the
ages of 19 and 25 who has been employed for
the past three years in the fishing or coasting
trade, or in yachting, can join the second-
class Reserve and after serving six months in the
Royal Navy can obtain promotion to the new
class, with its advantages of increased ratings
and pension. In addition to the pay and
allowances, which are to be the same as those
granted to non-commissioned service men in the
Royal Navy, a bounty of £5 will be given to
men of the first-class on completion of training,
while second-class men who are passed as
proficient will be advanced to the new class of
"qualified seamen," with drill pay and allowances,
the same as those which apply to the present
first-class, and a retainer fee of £6 per annum.
Second-class men who, before attaining the

PROFESSOR ROBERT KOCH announces in the *German Medical Journal* his discovery of two new preparations for tuberculosis, one of which he is of opinion is calculated to provide complete immunity from tuberculous bacilli. In the case of consumptive patients during the early stages of the disease, and of lupus patients a distinct improvement has been effected by the use of the word "cure" until a longer period of time has passed without any relapse. With the present remedies the distressing concomitant symptoms common with previous preparations have in no case been observed. The injection of the tuberculin is made subcutaneously, beginning with one five-hundredth of a milligramme, the dose being gradually increased at subsequent injections.

AT THE Sallor's Home last night, our well known local comedian Mr. C. T. Robinson gave a very pleasant evening's entertainment to a large number of seamen. "Our only C. T." acquitted himself admirably in his catter songs and stories, some of the best being "It must be liver," "In a good cause," "Dog and Cockroach," and "The Gorgonzola Cheese." Messrs. W. Budge and I. Farr largely helped out the evening's entertainment, the latter as instrumentalist and the former gave time to our only "lion comique" by contributing some very good sentimental members, "C. T." rendering of "My Old Dutch" was a gem and he deserves the warmest praise, as also do Messrs. Budge and Farr for their very kindly efforts to make happy and pleasant the lot of "Jack Ashore." "Robby" has lost none of his "snaps" as the Americans say, and it is to be hoped that we shall soon hear him in public again.

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND.

A meeting of the committee of the above fund was held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 4th May. The Chairman of the Committee (Sir John Carrington, Kt., C.M.G.) presided.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Thomas Jackson) laid upon the table the annexed statement of the subscriptions raised in Hongkong:

INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND IN ACCOUNT WITH HON. TREASURER.

1897	Dr.	Cr.	\$	cts.
Feb. 17, To amount wired Calcutta...	Rs. 50,000		\$30,487.50	
Feb. 22, To amount wired Calcutta...	20,000		12,084.59	
Mar. 31, To amount wired Calcutta...	12,000		7,500.00	
Apr. 22, To amount wired Calcutta...	384		240.00	
Apr. 26, To amount wired Calcutta...	5,577		497.00	
	Rs. 83,957		\$50,719.09	

1897	Cr.	\$	cts.
March 31, By amount of subscriptions in Hongkong as per List...		50,072.09	
April 22, By Contribution received from R.M.S. "Empress of India"...		240.	
26, By Contribution received from H. B. M. Consul, Tamsui...		407.	
		\$50,719.09	

(Sgd.) T. JACKSON, Hon. Treasurer.

Hongkong, 4th May 1897.

The Chairman moved the following resolution:

"The Committee desires to place on record its grateful sense of the devoted and self-denying efforts of its Hon. Treasurer, T. Jackson, Esq., in the collection of subscriptions for the Fund, and also its high appreciation of the successful result of those efforts."

The Hon. Wei A Yen seconded, and the resolution was carried.

It was also decided the Chairman should address letters to the Hon. C. P. Chater and Mr. Modykewitz, and to the Hon. C. P. Chater in collecting subscriptions. It was further resolved that the Chairman of the Hongkong Committee should address a communication to the Chairman of the Relief Committee at Calcutta enclosing a copy of the minutes of this meeting, and informing him that the subscription list in Hongkong had been closed.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. H. Stewart Lockhart) was requested to transmit a copy of the minutes of the meeting to His Excellency the Governor for his information.

On the motion of the Hon. Wei A Yen a vote of thanks to the Chairman was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE PLAGUE IN FORMOSA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

TAIPEI, April 29th.

The tubercular plague is causing considerable anxiety to the authorities here. The day before yesterday (28th) there were 19 new cases and 10 deaths. The following statistics are obtained from a trustworthy source:

From 23rd March to	Cases.	Deaths.
22nd April	70	53
23rd "	6	4
24th "	11	7
25th "	11	5
26th "	19	10
27th "	10	10
28th "	10	10
Total	142	95

Government is doing its best to grapple with the disease; houses are searched daily and all persons who show symptoms of plague are removed to the plague hospital.

I hear a few cases are reported from Taiwan, in South Formosa, but it does not seem to be nearly as bad there as it is here.

In due course I will let you know how the preventive measure enforced affect the progress of this disease, which is carrying off Japanese as well as Chinese and Formosans.

SIGNOR CATTANEO'S PUPILS' CONCERT.

A concert organised by our popular *maestro* Signor Cattaneo and his pupils, was given at the Lusitano Club on Monday night, in the presence of H. E. the Governor, Commodore Holland, and a large and representative audience. From time to time the concert was interrupted by the public who were much amused by the effect produced by the instruments used, and the effect produced by the instruments used, and the effect produced by the instruments used.

SHANGHAI SPRING RACE MEETING.

It is regrettable that the weather yesterday at Shanghai was unfavourable but of course it is always one of the factors which contributes not a little to the "glorious uncertainty" of racing. The times taken over the various distances showed that the going was heavy, and no doubt in the early part of the afternoon, before Jupiter Pluvius looked in upon the scene, some owners kept the horses off their legs in the hope that the rain might hold off, notwithstanding the threatening appearance of the sky. The weather was no doubt very busy and when the rain came down and the course got slippery were the owners of the "mud-larks" who had got their shoes on.

SECOND DAY, TUESDAY, 4TH MAY.

THE GREAT NORTHERN PLATE, value, Tls. 125; second pony, Tls. 25; for ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; winner of one race at this meeting, weight for inches as per scale, 10 lbs. entrance, Tls. 5. Three-quarters of a mile.

Mr. Ring's p. Solus, 1st 4th Mr. Meyerling. 1 Mr. Robinson's bl. Black Chief, 1st 1st.

Mr. Oswald's b. Revelston, 1st 4th Mr. Read 3. Thirteen started. Time, 1 min. 32 sec.

THE MASONIC CLUB CHALLENGER CUP, value, Tls. 500; presented by the members of the Masonic Club for China ponies, being *bona fide* griffins at date of entry; to be won at two consecutive meetings or the times in the ponies the *bona fide* property of the same owner or owners; entrance, Tls. 10; 70 per cent. to the first pony, 30 per cent. to the second pony, and 10 per cent. to the third pony until the cup is finally won, when the second pony will receive 70 per cent. and the third pony 25 per cent. of the entrance loss; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Common & Robinson's g. Rainbow, 1st 1st. Mr. Burkill 1.

Mr. Tin Wo's bl. Dogon-Weir, 1st 1st.

Mr. Dennis's c. Bushy Park, 1st 1st. Mr. Dallas 2.

Seven started. Time, 2 min. 44 sec.

THE SHANTUNG STAKES; a forced entry of Tls. 5, for subscription griffins entered at this meeting; first pony to receive 70 per cent. second pony 30 per cent. third pony 10 per cent. weight for inches as per scale; unplaced ponies allowed 5 lbs. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's c. Mendip, 1st 1st.

Messrs. Toog & Sylva's c. Orinoco, 1st 1st.

Mr. Linton's g. Dividend, 1st 1st. Mr. Burkill 3.

Business started. Time, 2 min. 44 sec.

THE PARI-MUTUEL CUP; value, Tls. 100, added to a forfeit of Tls. 1 each; second pony to receive 30 per cent. and the third pony 10 per cent. of the stakes; for China ponies as per scale; griffins at date of entry allowed 7 lbs.; a penalty of 7 lbs. for non-starters and winners at this meeting. One mile and a half.

Mr. Kanuck's g. Men-J, 1st 1st.

Mr. John Peel's c. Pineapple, 1st 1st.

Mr. Sturgis's g. Vaquero, 1st 1st. Mr. Read 3.

Seven started. Time, 3 min. 10 sec.

THE YANOTZE STAKES; value, Tls. 150; second pony Tls. 50; for China ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners at this meeting allowed 10 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Two miles.

Mr. Raxley's b. Black Eagle M. Willeumet, 1 Mr. R. C. Kenny's b. Black Slipper.

Messrs. Common & Robinson's g. The Star, 1 Mr. Burkill 3.

Ten started. Time, 4 min. 25 sec.

THE MANCHU STAKES; value, Tls. 150; second pony Tls. 50; for China ponies that have run at this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners at this meeting allowed 10 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Tin Wo's bl. Dogon-Weir, 1st 1st.

Mr. Gule's bay Tyro, 1st 1st. Mr. Samson 2.

Mr. Ring's c. Equinox, 1st 1st. Mr. Meyerling 2.

Twenty-one started. Time, 2 min. 41 sec.

THE CONSOLATION CUP; value, Tls. 150; second pony Tls. 50; third pony Tls. 25; for ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

Messrs. Mustard Ambrose's g. Compromise, 1st 1st. Mr. Cox 1.

Mr. Sturgis's g. Vaquero, 1st 1st. Mr. Read 2.

Messrs. Kanuck Oswald's c. Robulet, 1st 1st. Mr. Crawford 3.

Mr. Toog's Eros, 1st 1st.

Fourteen started. Time, 2 min. 12 sec.

THE CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKE; value, Tls. 350; second pony, Tls. 100; third pony, Tls. 50; a forced entry of 10 and open only to winners at this meeting; optional for the winners of the Consolation Cup and subscription griffins race; weight for inches as per scale; each pony entered to pay five per cent. of the value of the stakes and prize won. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Henry Morris's bl. Blackberry, 1st 1st.

Mr. Ring's c. Solus, 1st 1st. Mr. Meyerling 2.

Mr. Duplex's bay The Broker, 1st 1st.

Sixteen started. Time, 2 min. 30 sec.

THE GRAND NATIONAL STEEPCHASE; value, Tls. 150, with Tls. 50 for second pony; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; non-winners of a Steeplechase allowed 10 lbs.; entrance, Tls. 5. Twice round a course selected by the Stewards.

Mr. Fernando's p. Lowlander, 1st 1st.

Mr. Fernando's g. Aquiloner 1st 1st.

Mr. Weed's c. Wm. The Conqueror, 1st 1st.

Five started.

THE NIL DESPERANDUM CUP; value, Tls. 100; second pony, Tls. 25; for subscription griffins of this meeting; weight for inches as per scale; entrance, Tls. 5. Once round.

Mr. Gule's c. Brass, 1st 1st.

Mr. John West's c. Reform, 1st 1st.

Mr. Henry Morris's w. Dewberry, 1st 1st.

Fifteen started. Time, 2 min. 42 sec.

ALLEGED ARSON.

FOUR OF THE ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

The five men who were charged with arson were brought before Mr. Woodhouse at the magistracy yesterday afternoon. Mr. H. L. Denys (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted. Mr. Geddes represented the South British Fire Insurance Co., and Mr. V. H. Diacon appeared for the defendants. On the application of Mr. Denys the four men were discharged.

Wong Lee Kan, the assistant accountant, was then charged. That he had been found guilty of arson was proved by the evidence of the witnesses. He was found guilty of arson and was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment. The other four men were discharged.

U King was called and stated that he knew the defendant and also his brother, Wong Chi Sung, who told him the Fung Shing shop for Canton on the 15th or 16th ult. The defendant was in charge of the shop at the time of the fire.

Witnesses smoked opium and talked with the defendant in the accountant's room on the night of the 20th ultimo. When witness left the room to sleep in the passage at about 11 p.m. that night the defendant had already slept.

He awoke at 5.30 a.m. and found that the ceiling of the ground floor was on fire. He ran out and saw the defendant and the other men on the roof of the shop shouting "Fire!"

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OLIVERS FREEHOLD MINES, LIMITED.

The following report has been received by the General Managers:

Mount MacDonald, 9th April 1897.

REPORT ON KUREKA MINE.

Since last report the work has been pushing ahead as quickly as possible and with most encouraging results. At the 200 feet level the north drive has been extended a total distance of 42 feet and the reef is 5 feet wide and shows gold in the solid stone. The south drive is now 31 feet and the reef has widened to 4 feet, and of good quality. At the 150 feet level the north drive is 107 feet with the reef 2 feet wide and in the south drive it is from 21 feet to 3 feet in width and shows a nice lot of gold. A rise to content with the old workings has been started and it is now up to 100 feet. (This is in the south drive, as per plan sent you). In the north drive a wire to connect with the bottom level is now being sunk; it is now 16 feet on the reef 5 feet wide and good gold showing all the time. As soon as the wire is finished we will be in a position to break through the bottom level.

The Government Inspector of Mines was here this week and after thoroughly inspecting the Kureka expressed the opinion that we had one of the best reefs and one of the best shows in New South Wales. An opinion like this from a man in the Government service, who is practically acquainted with every mine and reef in N. S. W., is most invaluable. There is no doubt whatever but that there is a brilliant future before the Kureka and the only regret by everybody here is that Mr. Wilmett, senior, is not alive to see the result of his "new shaft."

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, April 17th.

Germany has protested against the French violation of the Niger Hinterland. It is understood that England has also protested against the French occupation of Boma.

Italy has decided to send two battalions of Infantry and a battery of artillery to Crete.

LONDON, April 18th.

The Times states that according to the revised conditions for admission to the Indian Staff Corps, officers will be eligible provided they have completed a year's Regimental Duty in India, and are under 25 years of age. Before they can be transferred permanently to the Staff Corps they will not be allowed to revert to a British Regiment except by exchange. Any officer of the British Army showing exceptional fitness for service in India may, with the assent of the Secretary of State for War, be specially selected for the Staff Corps.

LONDON, April 20th.

The Turks say they lost two hundred men at the Malaza Pass and that the Greeks lost at least one thousand. The fighting was continued for two days. The Turks made a solid and steady bearing, whilst the Greeks were enthusiastic.

LONDON, April 21st.

The death is announced of Colonel Hugh Pearce Pearson.

The Russian circular to the Powers insists that any intervention between Greece and Turkey must be collective. It is stated that Great Britain has objected to some points in the circular.

The Emperor William has arrived at Vienna and met with a most cordial reception.

CAPETOWN, April 21st.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes arrived here and has been received most enthusiastically. In his speech made on landing he said he hoped in time to be constitutionally secure, equal rights for all whites south of the Zambesi without distinction as to race and that that union of South Africa would gradually follow.

BOMBAY, April 20th.

The plague returns for Sunday and Monday show 73 cases and 89 deaths.

BOMBAY, April 21st.

The plague returns for yesterday show 42 cases and 30 deaths. The influx of people is daily increasing.

The plague returns to-day show 30 cases and 28 deaths, the mortality from all causes being 104.

It is stated that the Russians have a small force camped north of the Aial range ready to move into the Pamir region when the passes are open. The object is said to be to complete the plague cordon in the Upper Oxus valley.

News has reached Calcutta of a destructive tornado, which passed over a portion of the Madras division of the Jessor district, doing immense damage, killing fourteen people outright and injuring many.

The result of the Warren Hastings finding is that Captain Holland has been reprimanded, while the other two officers were acquitted.

The cause of an investigation in Bangalore city relating to the cabins stolen from the Madras branch station, the police have seized from a Hindu no fewer than five Marathi cashiers and rifles and besides have had information that several hundreds of the same class of weapon may still be found in parts of the Pettah. The matter has been referred to the British Resident. Most of the weapons appeared to be carelessly condemned with an apparent object, and were clumsily refitted, but are in a serviceable condition.

TOURING IN THE CAROLINES.

(Specially written for the *Hongkong Telegraph*.)

Continuing the report of his recent tour to the Carolines, Mr. F. W. Christian writes concluding a visit to the American Mission at Mont, his exploration of the ruins of Lela and his return to Ponape Island as follows:

On Wednesday, May 12th, 1896, being our first glimpse of fine weather, the *Tokoro* determined to accompany me part of the way down to follow up our tour of exploration, to pick me up later on at the Gilbert Islands settlement, from which point he would return overland himself, not caring just then to visit the mission on account of some private ground of offence. So, soon after our midday meal, we strolled leisurely around the inland area of Lela, and make our way across the shallows to the mainland by the primitive expedient of wading. We pass close by Lela-Ka-Sa's Island, one mass of sweet potato beds. Early this morning the good old man hearing that *Kila*, the ever-intrusive brown rat, have started operations, has paddled over in his canoe, and is now busy amongst his beds with spade and spud, clearing weeds, digging up tubers, banking up the sides, clearing out trenches and generally getting his garden in order. Landing, we proceed several miles along the beach, collecting specimens of seeds, leaves and flowers and occasionally picking up some curious shells. By and by we reach the straggling settlement of the Gilbert Islanders at Pakeh, and have we not the expected canoe, with her sharp bow and an oar, her sides painted red, black, and white, and her huge triangular sail spread, slipping down the lagoon in good style and coming down fast before the breeze, in charge of Mok-Lai, that distinguished ornament of the Sunday-school, who speaks the quietest, fearfulest and most wonderful English ever uttered by the human tongue. We step on board and sweep along the shore, and at last, in a shallow and thickly silted half lagoon, several natives towards the water of King's Reef.

mile or two further down the coast we put in at the straggling village of Pula, where a venerable greybeard takes us up a little way inland to see a very picturesque waterfall, the scene of a romantic episode in the days of old wars long past, where two brothers, chiefs of a defeated force, threw themselves down-hand in hand—from a summit, rather than fall into the hands of their enemies, hot in pursuit. The torrent streams down 50 or 60 feet over a towering basalt cliff in the hill side into a deep dark basin fringed with ferns and flowering grasses. The water is very cold and clear and full of eddies, but pleasant to bathe in after our sultry afternoon walk. The shallow edges of the pool are strewn with curious bluish-brown freshwater shells, of which the upper whorls are all cracked rubbed and broken away. Guppy has remarked the same thing in the fresh water shells in the mountain streams upon Guadalcanar and other islands of the Solomon group. The stream flows out from the brimming pool down through a belt of taro-patches to lose itself upon the sand and amongst the salt water brush and marsh, the haunt of huge diggler-crabs (*Poua*) and of minute swamp-crabs, with little round bodies, mottled cream colour and dark brown spots, with light blue dots and unmounted conical red claws. Some are mottled cream colour, and blue or violet, some are black and scarlet, but the big red claw is always in evidence. By and by we come upon a large scarlet hermit crab who has wedged the lower half of his body into the section of a broken coconut bottle finding no cast-off mollusk's armour large enough for his housing. Plunging into a dense tangle of bilious roots and branches twisting together anyhow into a regular labyrinth, he is following over mounds raised by the digging crabs, and ever and anon sinking over the ankles into the mire, we reach a steep slope covered with heaps of loose debris. A few minutes of this work brings us to the mouth of a deep gloomy cavern yawning wide in the hill side. As we cautiously and gingerly cross the threshold a mighty twittering and gibbering, of uneasy apes in chorus, greets upon our ears. As our slight grows accustomed to the twilight of the gloomy den, we make out swarms of bats flitting around the arched dome overhead. The fungus of generation after generation of flowing fungus lies thickly around covering the floor, glowing with a sickly mould. Close to our feet glooms a wide lagoon stretching away out of sight into the shadowy recesses of the mountain. The natives rarely visit the place as it has the reputation of being haunted by legions of ugly (*or Enu*) evil spirits.

THE MISSION AT MONT.

On returning to the beach, the afternoon has well worn on and the King deems it homeward bound. The tide is out and Mok-Lai unwilling to proceed until morning, and it seems as if we must spend the night here, when Capt. Melender's ship, also bound for Mont, is sighted dashing along outside the reef under full sail. We man the King's canoe hastily, cross the lagoon in a trice, and over the reef amongst the rollers, and by good luck and good judgment combined, dodging the coming swell of the successive breakers, run the length of the ship as she comes fast down on the wind, and board her without stopping her way. Mok-Lai and his comrades stop astern, with orders to bring the canoe over to Mont next day, and the vessel runs howling along which we just clear in the fading light, and anchor close up by the village off the mouth of a little creek. A neat little cabin is set apart for our use, and we sit down to supper surrounded by a medley of youngsters, tame cats, and a roset of ugly yellow dogs. Early in the morning we are started by the arrival of the ship's boat, pulling alongside to the still water of the shallow lagoon, keeping just abreast of the mangrove. The sun comes up and everything is filling with life. Every copse, every thicket, every grove is astir, and the coo of the green doves is wafted down on the breeze through fairly aisles of leathery woodland. Soon the little cluster of houses on the hill rises into view and we shoot in alongside of a coral belt wharf, and climbing up the winding stairway cut in the hill side find ourselves in the little white-washed mission house and slopes. First we visit the picturesque veranda looking down upon a grand scene of life. Then up the wedding path towards the plateau to where the Rev. J. V. Channon's house and school lie solidly flanking the hill. We are received with great cordiality and hearty welcome, and after partaking of some refreshment the Captain and our host depart awhile deep on business thoughts intent, while the priest, Mr. Melender, who is a most interesting character, and who has a most interesting discussion. In the afternoon Mr. Channon was free to point out all that was to be seen and to give a full account of the mission and its results. Banished here by edict of the Spanish Governor-General in Manila, soon after the return of Mr. Deane from his deportation to Manila, they determined to make Kureka their base of operations, and establish in this secluded valley a solid and reliable training school. The *Morning Star*, a fine sailing vessel, fitted with auxiliary screw for periods of calm, keeps up communication, plying through the Marshall and Gilbert groups, occasionally calling at Honolulu, the extreme point of her long sea-voyages being San Francisco. At present there are very cordial relations apparently existing between the Mission and the Spanish Governor on Ponape, where the Catholic Padres have a fair field for their operations, and are very well content; so here the scandal of a clashing of religious teachings is wisely and politically avoided. The Mont establishment comprises some 240 people. Dr. Rife looks after the Marshall Island boys and Mr. Channon the Gilbert Islanders, whilst Miss Palmer and the other ladies have charge of the girls' school, highest upon the hill. The students appear quiet, well-behaved and intelligent; one sees many bright faces and altogether the little settlement wears an air of quiet prosperity and contentment. The kindly talk in charge of the Mission shows a genuine old fashioned hospitality to an visitors from the outer world. One cannot but wish them all success in what many would consider a very arduous and thankless task, demanding continually no common share of patience, tact and perseverance. We sit up quite late that night exchanging notes and queries. Early next morning the Captain has to leave, but between us we detain him till midday, preferring a quick passage. The dilatory Mok-Lai is dismissed to his tiny boat, and we sail away along the coast up to Lela. We return a good breeze the same evening, and Kureka returns to his teaching lessons with an admirable spirit of perseverance. Next morning it is fully agreed that, wet or fine, rain or sunshine, the *Tokoro* and a stout follower will accompany me to-morrow to visit the ruins and take measurements and plans of those curious relics of a vanished past.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [736]

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
FOR TIENTSIN (DIRECT).
THE Company's Steamship

"TAKSANG."
Captain Rolph, will be despatched as above on
MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st May, 1897. [723]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**
FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
THE Company's Steamship

"CHINGTU."
Captain Innes, will be despatched on TUES-
DAY, the 18th May, at 3 P.M.
The attention of Passengers is directed to the
Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer.
The First-class Saloon is situated forward of the
Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
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the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
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Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897. [667]

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HONGKONG. [91]

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A. S. WATSON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st September, 1896. [38]

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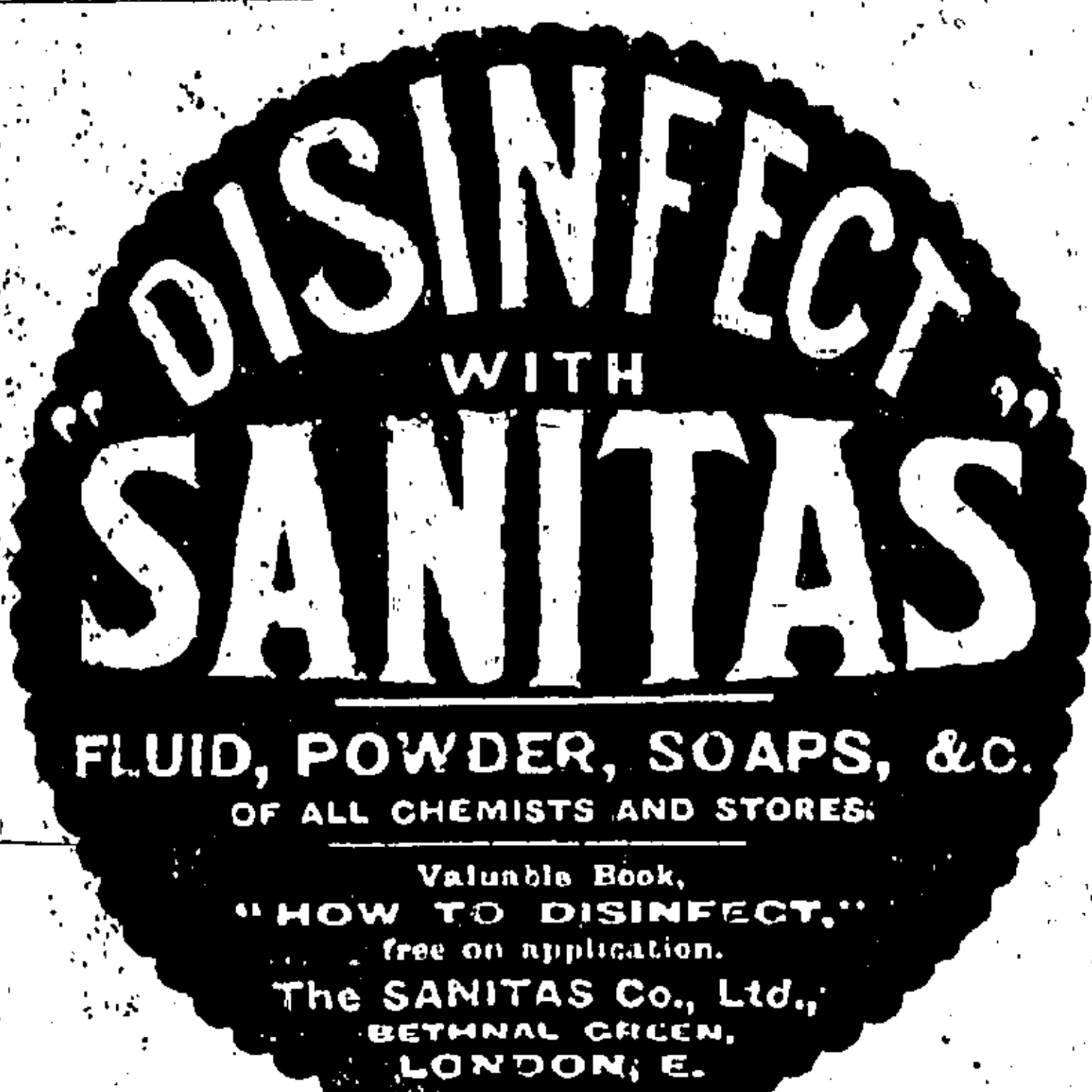
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THE Company's Steamship

"KWEIYANG."
Captain Osterlids, will be despatched as above
on TO-MORROW, the 6th instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [710]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SAMARANG AND SOERABAYA.
THE Company's Steamship

"SHANTUNG."
Captain Hampton, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, at 10 A.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [709]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

"ARRATOON APCAR."
Captain K. H. Sandberg, will be despatched for
the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 8th instant,
at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [734]

**CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR TIENTSIN.

"NANCHANG."
Captain Finlayson, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 11th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [739]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

FOR VLADIVOSTOCK.
THE Steamship

"DAPHNE."
Captain J. Seroussi, will be despatched for the
above Port on FRIDAY, the 10th instant, at
Daylight.
Superior Accommodation for First and Second
Class Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1897. [740]

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
LINE.

CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(Subject to Alteration).

Monmouthshire, Saturday, 15th May.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED
STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship
"MONMOUTHSHIRE"
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA,
(B.C.) and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE
and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 15th
May.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Points should be in QUADRUPLES; and one
Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to
the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT,
Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland,
Oregon.
For further information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [693]

Intimation.

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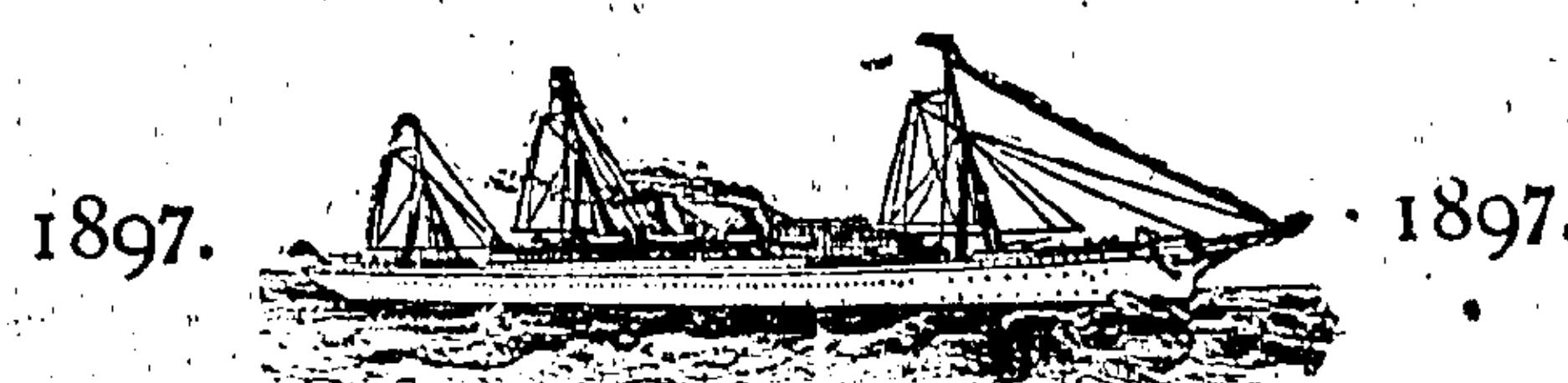
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Twin Screw Steamships—4,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF JAPAN...Comdr. H. Fybus, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 19th May.

EMPRESS OF CHINA...Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 9th June.

EMPRESS OF INDIA...Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R...WEDNESDAY, 30th June.

THE magnificent Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF
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Passengers Booked through to all principal ports and AROUND THE WORLD. Return
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Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan
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The attractive features of this Company's route, embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS,
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Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by
the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unequalled.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to

D. E. BROWN, General Agent,
Pender's Street.

Hongkong, 28th April, 1897.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO
JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES,
MEXICO

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND
EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC AND OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) ...

Tuesday, 11th May,
at Noon.

Gaika (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea, Yokohama
and Honolulu) ...

Saturday, 29th May,
at Noon.

Doris (via Shanghai,
Nagasaki, Kobe, In-
land Sea and Yokohama
and Honolulu) ...

Thursday, 17th June,
at Noon.

THE Company's Steamship

"COPTIC"
will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on
TUESDAY, the 11th May, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
and passengers are allowed to break their
journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England,
France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines
of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the
United States or Canada. Rates, and particu-
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upon application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military,
Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to
Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking
at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice
versa) within one year, will be allowed a dis-
count of 10 per cent. This allowance does not
apply to through fares for China and Japan
to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to
address in full; and same will be received at
the Company's Office until Five P.M. the day
previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo des-
tined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the
United States, should be sent to the Company's
Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs,
San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company,
No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1897.

SAILING VESSEL.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 At British Ship

"FALLS OF DEE,"

Lock, Master, shortly expected, will load here
for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

The Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1897. [644]

Mails.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.
THE attention of Passengers is directed to
the very cheap rates offered by this Line
to the PACIFIC COAST and the INTERIOR and
EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and
CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON \$400.
Excellent accommodation. First-class Table.
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The Railroad travelling is second to none on
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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passen-
gers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first
class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA \$225.
Rates of Passage to other Ports on application.
Special rates allowed to members of Govern-
ment Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Pathan... 2,709 | To-morrow | May 5.

Tacoma... 2,549 | Tuesday... | May 25.

Victoria... 3,167 | Tuesday... | June 15.

Olympia... 2,668 | Tuesday... | July 6.

Pathan... 2,709 | Tuesday... | July 27.

Tacoma... 2,549 | Tuesday... | Aug. 17.

THE Steamship

"PATHAN,"

Captain J. S. Day, sailing at Noon, TO-
MORROW, the 5th May, will proceed to VICTORIA
(B.C.) and TACOMA (Wash.), via KOBE and
YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States
Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one
copy must be sent forward by the steamer to
the care of the Freight Agent, Northern Pacific
Railway, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
marked in full) by 5 P.M. on the day previous to
sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 30th April, 1897. [4]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN
PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS).

THE Steamship

"MIRZAPUR,"

Captain J. F. Jephson, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY,
&c., on TO-MORROW, the 5th May, at Noon,
taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement) will
be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer
proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;
other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed
via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1897. [5]

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NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANT,
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PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prins Heinrich... Tuesday... 25th May.

Prins Heinrich... Tuesday... 22nd June.

Sachsen... Tuesday... 20th July.

Bohnen... Tuesday... 17th Aug.

Prins Heinrich... Tuesday... 14th Sept.

Prins Heinrich... Tuesday... 12th Oct.

Sachsen... Tuesday... 9th Nov.

Bohnen... Tuesday... 7th Dec.

Prins Heinrich... Tuesday... 4th Jan.

ON TUESDAY, the 25th day of May,
1897, at 9 A.M. the Company's Steamship
"PRINZ HEINRICH," Captain G. Coppers,
with MAILES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and
CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling
at NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon on
SATURDAY, the 22nd May. Cargo and Speed
will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY
the 24th May, and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the
24th May. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
\$500 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cube in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 27th April, 1897. [686]

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